



# **TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

**Identify the organizational structure**

**used to maintain a force capable of**

**joint operations.**



# NSC ORGANIZATION



**PRESIDENT**

Vice President

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**SEC of**

Secretary of  
State

Nat'l Sec  
Advisor

**S**

**DEF**

Dir, CIA

Invited Others

**C**

Chairman of JCS  
Joint Chiefs of  
Staff

The Joint Staff

**DOD**

Office of the  
Secretary of  
Defense

DOD Field  
Activities

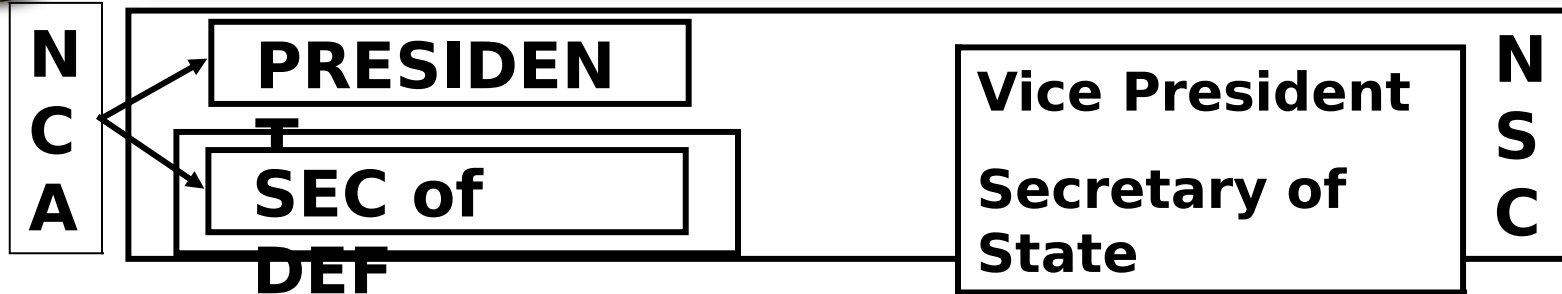
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# CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP



## Function:

- Exercise constitutional control over armed forces.

## Responsibility:

- Direct execution of military actions.
- President ultimately responsible for making and executing national strategy.



# NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL



- **Statutory Members:**
    - **President.**
    - **Vice President.**
    - **Secretary of Defense.**
    - **Secretary of State.**
  - **Statutory Advisors:**
    - **C, JCS.**
- Function:**
- **Primary forum for discussion of national security issues.**
- Responsibilities:**
- **Assist President in setting national security objectives and strategies.**



# DOD FUNCTIONS



## Functions of the Department of Defense

**As prescribed by the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the DOD maintains and employs the Armed Force to :**

- **Support and defend the Constitution of the United states against all enemies, foreign and domestic.**
- **Ensure, by timely and effective military action, the security of the United States, its possessions, and areas vital to its interest; and**

- **Uphold and advance the national policies and**



# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



**Secretary of  
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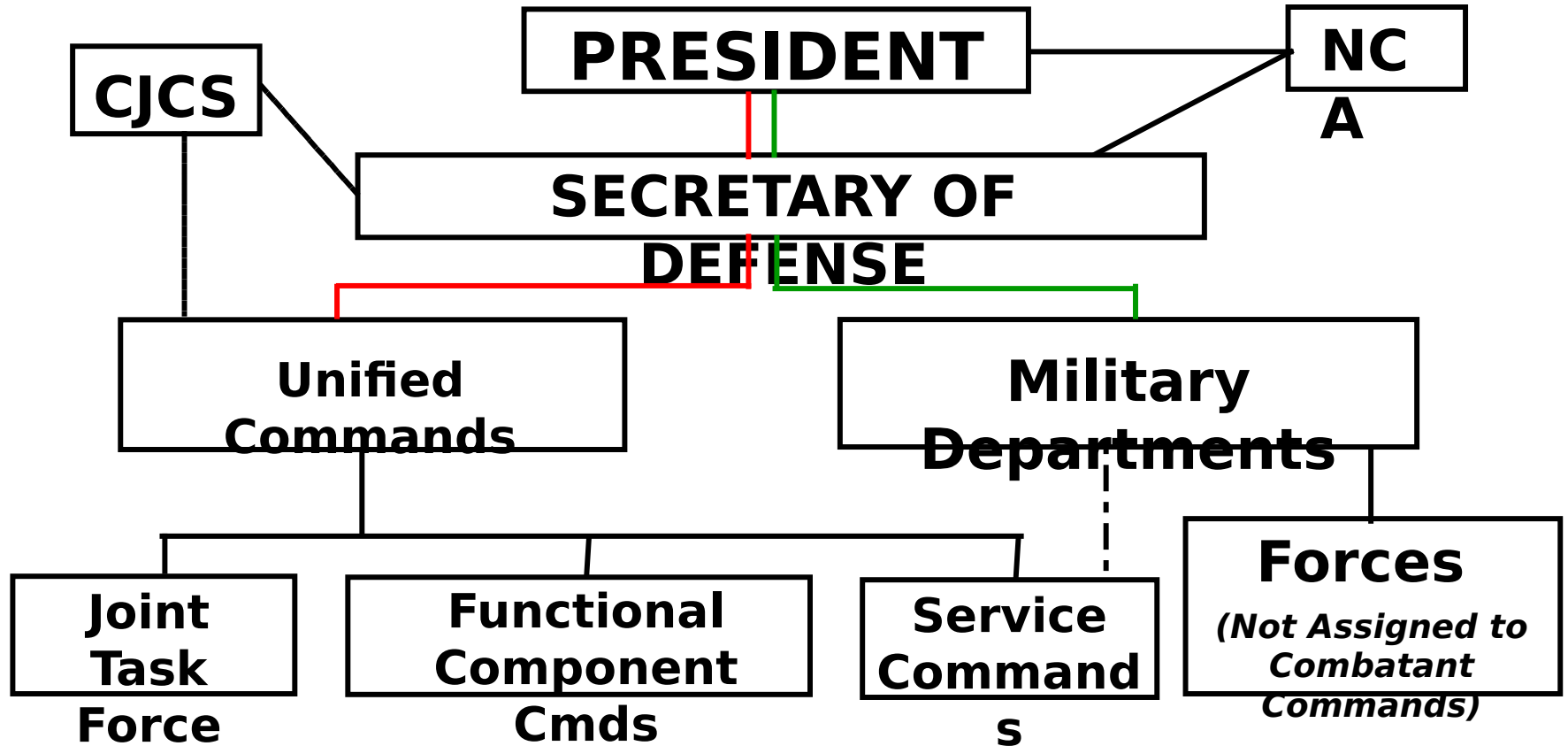
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# CHAIN OF COMMAND





# ***JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF***



**Chairman**

**(JCS)  
Vice Chairman**

<b>C of S</b>	<b>C, Naval</b>	<b>C of S Air</b>	<b>Cmdt</b>
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**Army**

**Ops**

**Force**

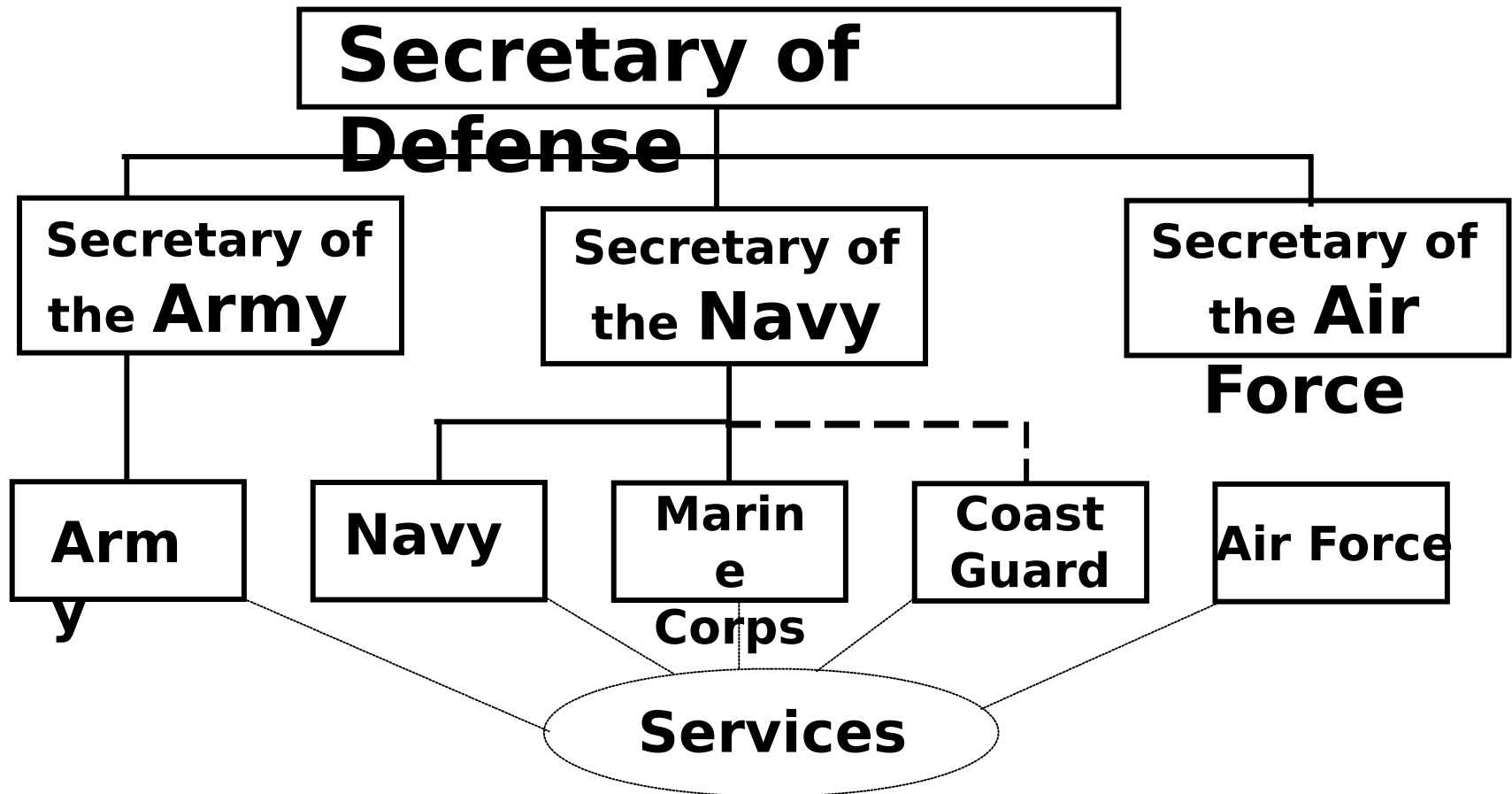
**Marines**

- **Principal military advisor to NSC.**
- **Advise on programs, requirements, and budgeting.**
- **Direct preparation of contingency plans.**
- **Provide strategic direction for armed forces.**
- **Prepare strategic plans for armed forces.**

- **Prepare joint logistic and mobility plans**



# ***MILITARY DEPARTMENTS***





# ***MILITARY DEPARTMENTS (CONT)***



- **Develop plans to support national security strategy.**
- **Provide forces to support the combatant command.**

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- **Organize.**
- **Train.**
- **Equip.**
- **Assign.**
- **Maintain.**

**Combatant  
Commander**

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**Combatant  
Commands**



# ORGANIZATION OF JOINT FORCES

**PRESIDENT**  
**Secretary of**  
**Defense**

**Chairman, JCS**

**Operational**

**Administrative**

**Unified**  
**Combatant**  
**Command**  
**Sub-Unified**  
**Command**

**JTF**

**Task Force**  
**Command**

**Military**  
**Departments**

**Services**

**Force**



# JOINT FORCES

**PRESIDENT/  
Secretary of**

**Chairman, JCS**

**Defense**

**Operational**

**Unified  
Combatant  
Command  
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Command**

**Task Force  
Command**

**Geographically aligned**

**JFs: - U.S. European Cmd.**

**- U.S. Central**

**Cmd.**

**- U.S.**

**Northern Cmd.**

**U.S. Southern Cmd.**

**- U.S. Pacific Cmd.**

**Functionally aligned**

**JFs: - U.S. Joint Forces**

**Cmd.**

**- U.S. Special**

**Ops Cmd.**

**- U.S.**

**Transportation Cmd.**

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**U.S. Strategic Cmd.**

**JTF**

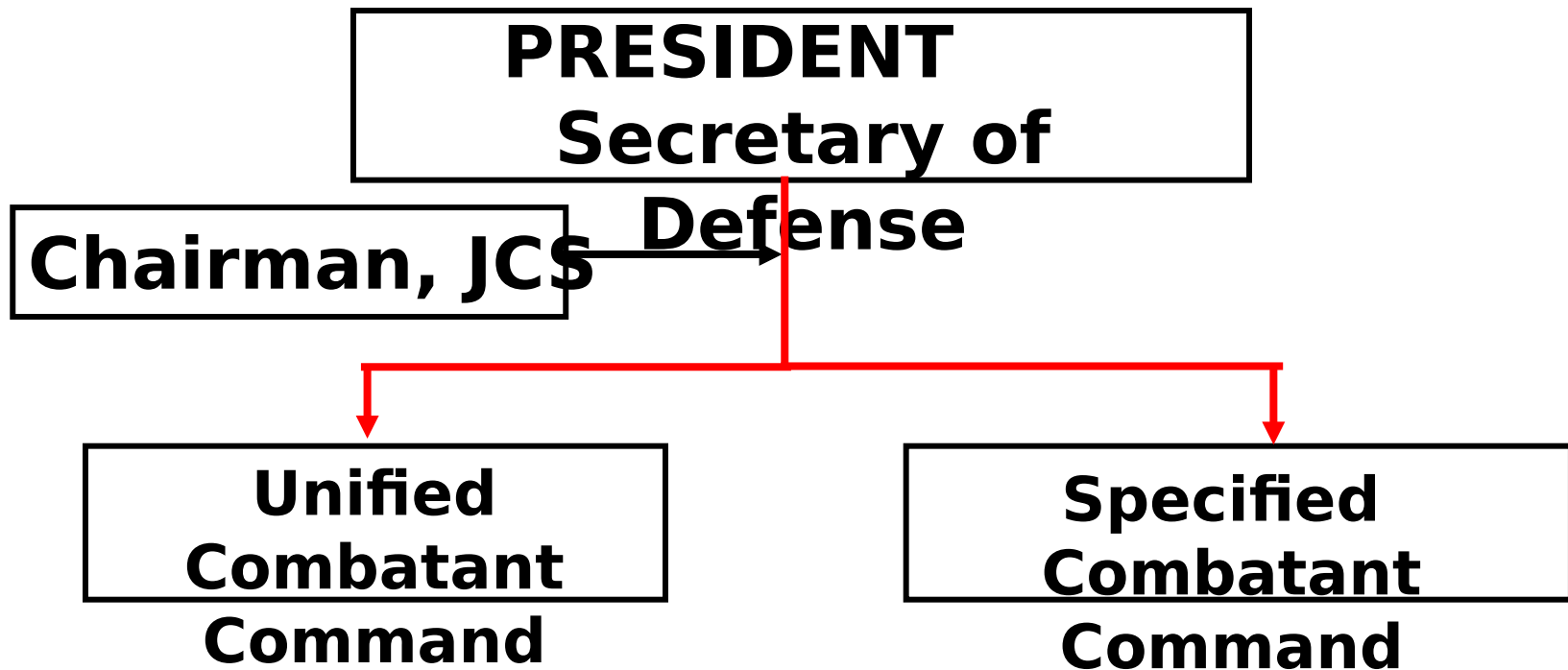


# JOINT FORCES AOR





# TYPES OF COMMANDS



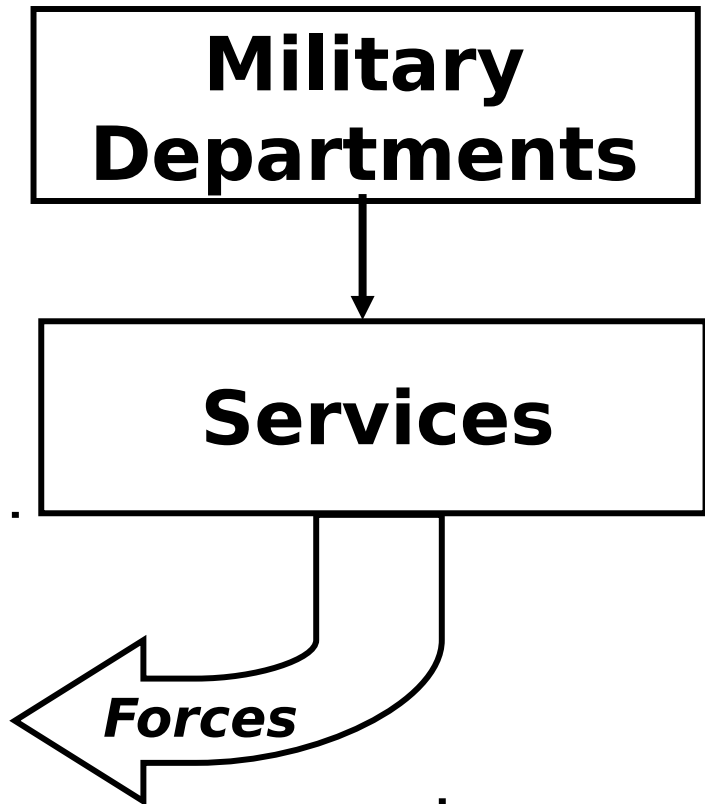


# COMMAND AUTHORITY



**Combatant Command (COCOM)** is the command authority vested only in commanders of combatant commands by the President. COCOM is not transferable.

**Operational Control (OPCON)** is command authority exercised by commanders at any echelon at or below the level of combatant command. Commanders may delegate OPCON within their command.





# ASSIGNMENT

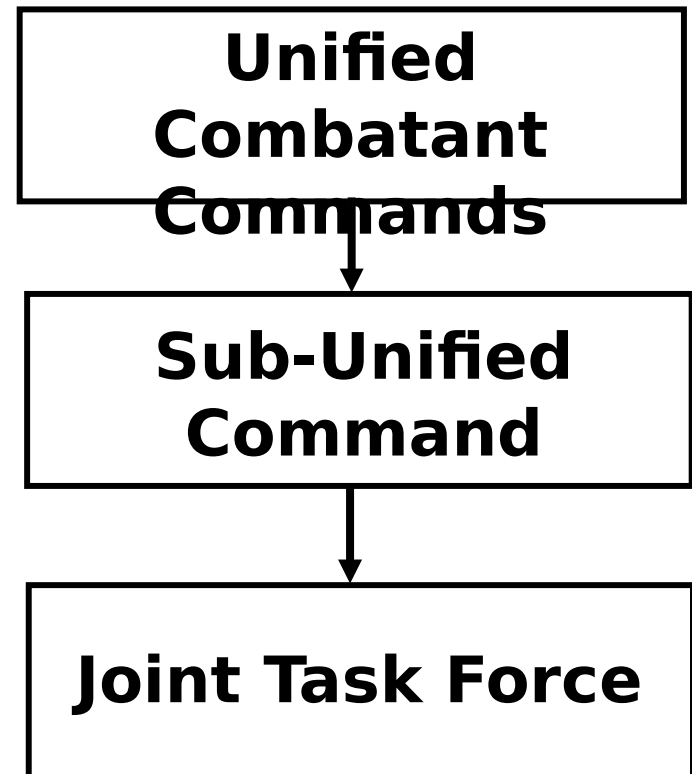


**Assignment:** To place units or personnel in an organization .

**Transfer:** The change in assignment between commands.

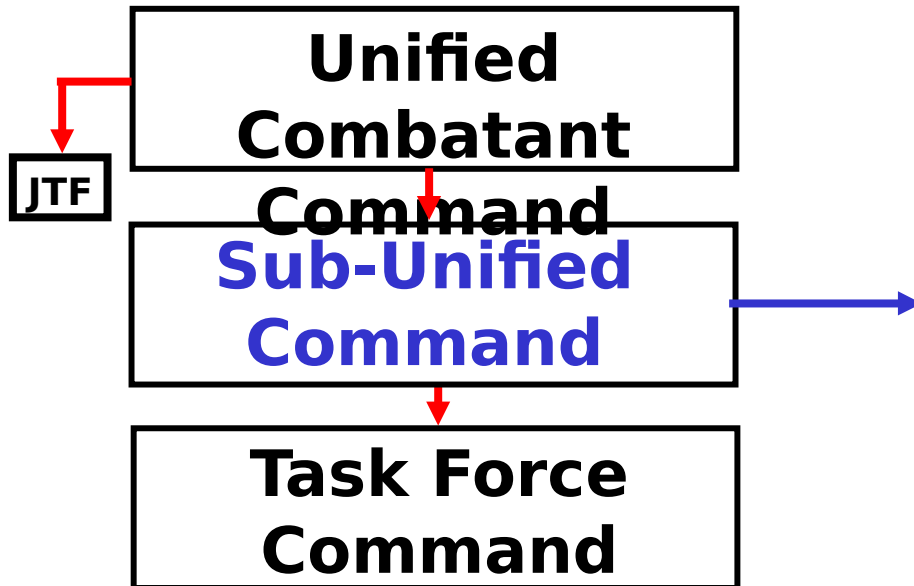
**Reassignment:** Transfer of forces on a permanent status.

**Attachment:** Transfer of forces on a temporary basis.





# SUB-UNIFIED COMMANDS



- Established by combatant commands.
- Focus on specific area of interest.
- Established as geographic or functional.
- Have functions and responsibilities similar to unified command.



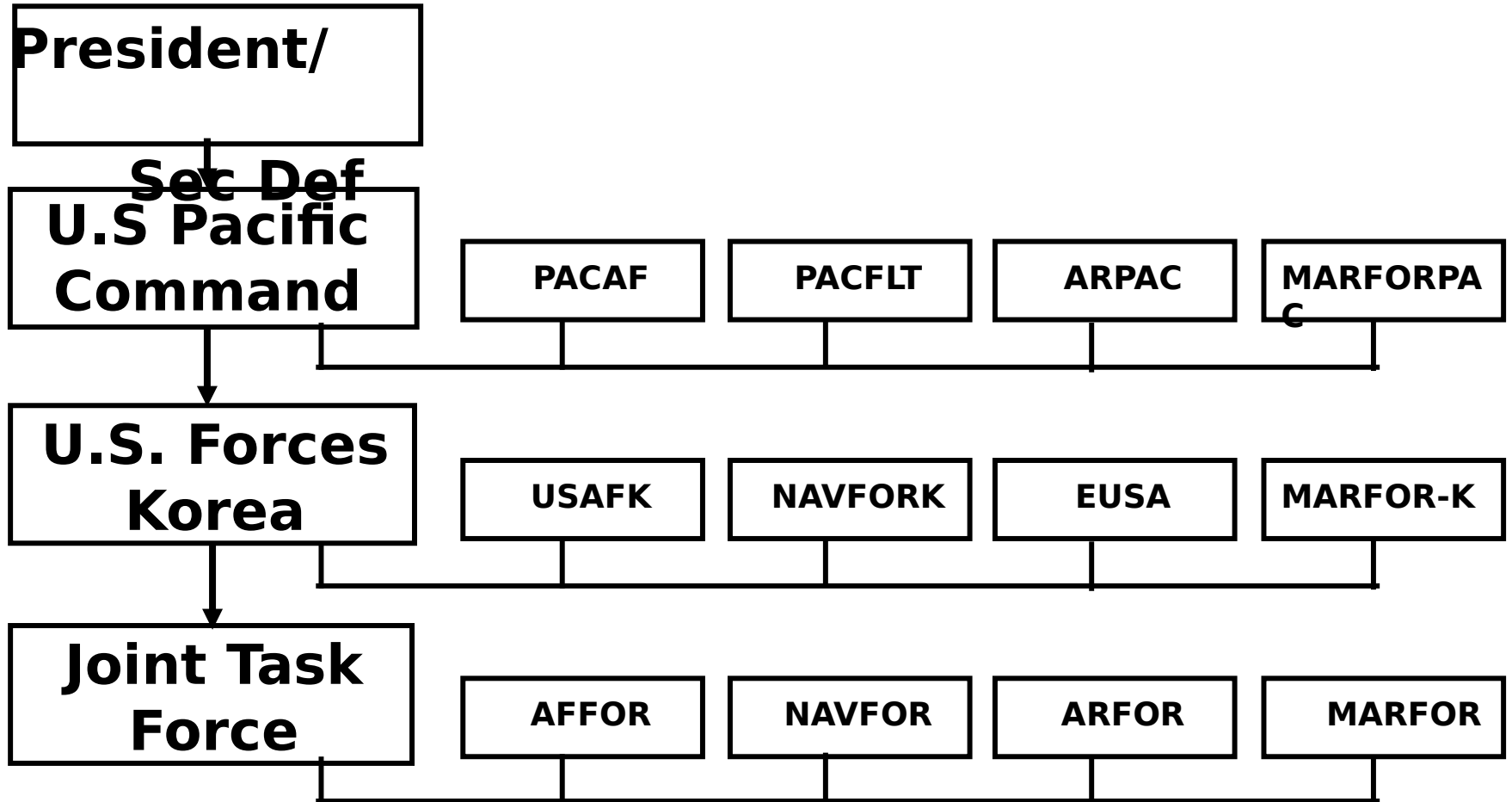
# JOINT TASK FORCE



- Established to accomplish limited operational objectives.
- Established by unified, sub-unified, or JTF.
- Established as geographic or functional.
- Normally staffed by the establishing authority.



# USAPACOM





# **SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS**



- **Supported Commander:**
  - **Combatant Commander in mission AOR.**
  - **Prepares OPLAN or OPORD in response to requirements.**
- **Supporting Commander:**
  - **Responsible for the needs of the supported commander.**



# MULTINATIONAL UNITY OF EFFORT



- **Common understanding among all national forces.**
- **Coordinated policy on alliance and coalition commanders' authority.**
- **Commanders must establish trust and confidence.**
- **Plain and objective communications is essential.**